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In re the Application of: **NAGAO, Katsuyoshi, et al.**

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Serial No.: **10/509,673**

Examiner: **WIEST, Philip R.**

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**FOR: MULTIPLE-CHAMBER MEDICAL CONTAINER AND BAG FOR ENCLOSING
SAME**

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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October 15, 2009

Sir:

Applicant's agent, Daniel Geselowitz, conducted a personal interview with Examiner Wiest on Tuesday, September 15, 2009. Accompanying applicant was Mr. Yoshiki Kitano of Saegusa & Partners, Tokyo, Japan.

In the interview, Applicant presented arguments regarding the structure recited in the present claims and that disclosed in the cited references.

In particular, Applicant argued that Barney's peelable seal 24 is analogous to the "partitioning seal portion" in the present claims. The seal structure 40 in Larkin's Fig. 4 has the structure of the "bonded portion" recited in the present claims. However, the structure resulting from the proposed combination of Barney and Larkin would, in effect, have only Larkin's seal structure 40, as Barney's peelable seal 24 would have been replaced. Therefore, the seal structure of the combined references would lack a partitioning seal portion.

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Applicant also demonstrated the operation of an example of the device. Examiner Wiest indicated that he considered the presented arguments to be sufficient to withdraw the rejection as stated. However, he indicated that he would have to discuss these arguments with his supervisor, and that he would have to consider applying other prior art. Applicant agreed to await further action by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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